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FM AMEMBASSY MADRID

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 3598

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EXDIS

FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY HARTMAN AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY
SPRINGSTEEN

EYES ONLY

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ACOM, OVIP (JUAN CARLOS)

SUBJ: CONFIDENTIALITY OF CONTACTS WITH PRINCE JUAN CARLOS

1. FRENCH AMBASSADOR MADRID TELLS ME THAT HE HAS RECEIVED A
TELEGRAM FROM FRENCH AMBASSADOR RABAT REPORTING CONVERSATION
WITH US AMBASSADOR RABAT IN WHICH THE LATTER APPARENTLY DREW
EXTENSIVELY ON MY EXDIS TELEGRAM 7745 REPORTING MY CONVER-
SATION WITH PRINCE JUAN CARLOS ON THE SAHARA.

2. MADRID 7745 WAS ADDRESSED ONLY TO THE DEPARTMENT AND I
MADE NO RECOMMENDATION CONCERNING ITS LATERAL DISTRIBUTION.
APPARENTLY, IT WAS DISTRIBUTED Laterally WITHOUT MY
KNOWLEDGE. IN ANY EVENT, I CANNOT IMAGINE WHAT OUR AMBASSADOR
IN RABAT THOUGHT HE WAS DOING IN PASSING THIS INFORMATION
ON TO THE FRENCH, AND I SHUDDER TO THINK HOW MANY OTHER
AMBASSADORS, INCLUDING POSSIBLY THE SPANISH.

3. GEORGE SPRINGSTEEN WILL RECALL OUR EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES
LAST JUNE (STATE 149681, MADRID 4468 AND STATE 151993),
IN WHICH I EXPLAINED THAT THE PRINCE'S FRANK PERSONAL
COMMENTS TO ME SHOULD HAVE AS RESTRICTED DISSEMINATION AS
POSSIBLE. I ALSO POINTED OUT IN MY 4468 THAT MY PRECEDESSOR
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DID NOT REPORT ANY OF THE PRINCE'S COMMENTS PRECISELY IN

ORDER TO PROTECT HIS RELATIONSHIP. I HAVE CHOSEN TO REPORT MY CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRINCE VERY FULLY BECAUSE I BELIEVE THEY CONTRIBUTE TO A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN SPAIN.

4. AS WE GO INTO THE TRANSITION PERIOD, IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT I MAINTAIN THE PRINCE'S CONFIDENCE. I CAN HARDLY DO SO WHEN MY MESSAGES ARE REPEATED AROUND THE CIRCUIT AND WHEN THERE APPEARS TO BE A UNIQUE LACK OF DISCRETION IN CERTAIN MISSIONS.

5. I SHALL GREATLY APPRECIATE YOUR COOPERATION IN THIS MATTER. IF THERE IS NO WAY IN WHICH I CAN HAVE SOME ASSURANCE THAT I CAN PROTECT THE CONFIDENTIALITY OF MY DISCUSSIONS WITH THE PRINCE, THEN I MAY HAVE TO CONCLUDE THAT MY PREDECESSOR'S PRACTICE WAS THE CORRECT ONE.
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